



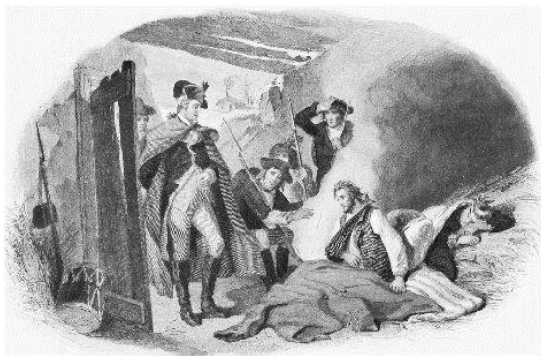
Fort Stewart Retiree Appreciation Day

**Mr. John W. Radke
Chief, Army Retirement Services
28 March 2015**

“The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by this country.”



George Washington 1781





Army Retirement Services

An Army
Program
Since 1955

**Retirement is a process,
not an event!**

**32,210 Soldiers
retired in FY14**

	Active <u>Army</u>	<u>ARNG</u>	<u>USAR</u>	Retired <u>Soldiers</u>	Surviving <u>Spouses</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015 Population Served	498,642	348,661	197,668	934,816	248,046	2.23M

Pre-Retirement Policy

- 117 Retirement Services Officers
- Career Status Bonus Counseling
- Pre-Retirement Counseling
- SBP/RCSBP Counseling
- MyArmyBenefits website
- Soldier for Life website

Post-Retirement Policy

- Lifetime benefits advice & support
- Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) assistance
- Army *Echoes* Newsletter & Blog
- CSA & Installation Retired Soldier Councils
- Retiree Appreciation Days

AR 600-8-7 – “Retirement Services Program”

<http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement>



Retired Soldier/Spouse Demographics

- **Predominant Pay Grades**

Enlisted: SFC WO=CW4 Officers: LTC

- **Predominant Age of Retired Soldiers:**

61-70 years

- **Predominant Age of Surviving Spouses**

71-80 years


- **Largest Soldier/Surviving Spouse Age Group**

61-70 years




The **NEW** Retirement Services Website

<http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement>





**Army Retirement Services Office**


SOLDIER FOR LIFE
Once a Soldier, Always a Soldier ... A Soldier for Life!

- Retired Soldiers - Home
- Army Echoes
- Army Echoes Blog
- Preparing to Retire
- After Retiring
- Survivor Benefit Plan
- Career Status Bonus
- Retirement Services Officers
- RC Retirement Services
- Survivor Assistance
- CSA Retired Soldier Council
- Former Spouse Information
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Calculators
- Active Officer Retirement
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-  **myPay**
-  **MyArmyBenefits**
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-  **DELTA DENTAL**
-  **DS login**
-  **Veterans Administration**



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Retiree Appreciation Days

Today   **Friday, March 13** 

Saturday, March 28
Fort Stewart, GA
Friday, April 24
Hanscom AFB, Concord, MA
Saturday, April 25
JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
Saturday, May 2
West Point, NY
Saturday, May 9
Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD

Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time 

SFL Home Soldiers (AD/NG/AR) Retired Soldiers Veterans Military Families/Gold Star Families Education Employment Health MyArmyBenefits About

SFL Mission SFL TAP SFL Initiatives



Army Echoes

- Official Army publication for communicating with Retired Soldiers/Families
- 3 issues: FEB, JUN, OCT
- Apps for iPhone, iPad, Android phones
- All Retired Soldiers and SBP annuitants with **myPay** accounts now receive *Echoes* electronically at their email addresses in **myPay**. *Change your email address in myPay to a commercial email address before you retire!*
- Subscribe to the *Army Echoes* Blog on the Soldier for Life website at <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/blog>.





Lapel Buttons/Retired Badge

Past



Army Lapel Button



US Army Retired
Lapel Button
1968-2007



US Army Retired
Lapel Pin
2007-2014



US Army Retired ID Badge

New



Army Lapel Button



US Army Retired
Lapel Button



US Army Retired ID Badge



Rebranding of Army's Transition Program



TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Start Strong • Serve Strong • Reintegrate Strong • Remain Strong

**Retirement
Services Office**



**Soldier for Life
Retirement Services Office**

Both offices may be collocated in the Soldier for Life Center



2015 Significant Challenges

- Funding Challenges at every level
- STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION -- Internal & External
- Army RSO Bottom Line: Never Break Faith with You; Always Be Your Champion!
- “CALL TO ACTION”---You Are A Force Multiplier!!
- There Is No Sunset on Patriotism

***“ONCE A SOLDIER, ALWAYS A SOLDIER
... A SOLDIER FOR LIFE”***



Thank You for Your Service!



To all of our Retired Soldiers and Spouses

Thank you for your service to our Nation and America's Army!

Army Strong!

